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Kuku Nyungkal dialect

The **Kuku Nyungkal dialect** (also written **Kuku Nyungkul**, **Kuku Njunggal**, **Guugu Nyungkul**, **Gugu Njunggal**, **Kuku Njungkul**,[3] **Kuku Ngungkal**,[4]) is an Australian Aboriginal language and the language of the Kuku Nyungkal people of Far North Queensland. It is a variety of Kuku Yalanji still being spoken (though by fewer people than speak Kuku Yalanji itself).[5] Most of the speakers today live in the communities of Wujal Wujal and Mossman.

The UNESCO Atlas of World Languages in Danger includes Kuku Nyungkal language as part of a larger Kuku Yalanji languages listing, identifying and listing all the Kuku Yalanji languages as a whole as being "severely endangered".[6]

As of 2020, "Kuku Ngungkal" is one of 20 languages prioritised as part of the Priority Languages Support Project, being undertaken by First Languages Australia and funded by the Department of Communications and the Arts. The project aims to "identify and document critically-endangered languages — those languages for which little or no documentation exists, where no recordings have previously been made, but where there are living speakers".[4]

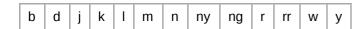| Kuku Nyungkal	
Gugu Njunggal	
Region	Annan River, Queensland
Ethnicity	Kuku Nyungkal people
Native speakers	5
Language family	Pama–Nyungan - Paman - Yalanjic - Kuku Yalanji **Kuku Nyungkal**
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–
Glottolog	kuku1274 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kuku1274)[1]
AIATSIS[2]	Y90 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/Y90)

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Phonology

Vowels

Kuku Nyungkal has three vowels as follows:[5]

Vowels	English equivalent
a	as in f *a* ther
i	as in p *i* t
u	as in p *u* t

Consonants

Kuku Nyungkal has thirteen consonants as follows:[5]

b	d	j	k	l	m	n	ny	ng	r	rr	w	y

All are pronounced as they would be in English, with the rr used for a rolled r, as in the Scottish r.

See also

- Kuku Nyungkal people

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